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TAGS: ENRG YO US PFOR
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTS VEST-MINIC MEETING

1. EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER WAS CALLED FEB 26 BY DPA
AND REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS FOR CONFIRMATION THAT "ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE VEST HAD MET EARLIER SATURDAY
WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC". WHEN ASKED, PRESS
OFFICER GAVE "DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION"
AS SUBJECT OF MEETING AND CORRECTED FACTUAL ERRORS.
BOTH CORRESPONDENTS ASKED IF DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH KRSKO;
PRESS OFFICER ANSWERED THAT A VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL VENTURES
INCLUDING KRSKO WERE DISCUSSED IN A REVIEW OF BILATERAL
QUESTIONS.

2. INQUIRIES STEM FROM A TANJUG WIRE SERVICE REPORT
FEB 26. BELGRADE NEWSPAPERS FEB 27 BRIEFLY
REPORT VEST-MINIC MEETING, NOTING THAT ASSISTANT FEDERAL
SECRETARY FOR NORTH AMERICA BERNARDIC AND CHARGE YORK
WERE ALSO PRESENT. STORIES SAY TOPIC OF MEETING WAS "QUESTIONS
IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS."

3. NO INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM AP, UPI, OR NEW
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YORK TIMES. SO FAR NEWSMEN SEEM UNAWARE OF PRESENCE OF
ARMITAGE
AND HOYLE BUT DO KNOW THAT VEST TRAVELED DIRECT
TO BELGRADE FROM WASHINGTON AND RETURNED FEB 26.

4. EMBASSY EXPECTS FURTHER INQUIRIES DURING COMING WEEK
AND WILL RESPOND THAT "FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF

POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS GEORGE VEST WAS IN BELGRADE
FEB 23-26. IN MEETINGS WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS,
BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR NON-
PROLIFERATION WERE DISCUSSED." IF ASKED, WE WILL CONFIRM
PRESENCE OF ARMITAGE AND HOYLE, BUT WE WILL NOT COMMENT
ON CONTENT OF TALKS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY OF ANY PRESS GUIDANCE
PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND, OF COURSE, ANY
INFORMATION RELEASED TO PRESS.

6. COMMENT: DURING BILATERALS, BOTH YUGOSLAV AND US
TEAMS AGREED THAT RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES SHOULD NOT GO
BEYOND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DELEGATION VISIT TO DISCUSS
DISARMAMENT/NON-PROLIFERATION AND BILATERAL MATTERS.
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